

THE BEEF SHORTHORN CATTLE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1963 - 1964

Notice of the Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the STATION HOTEL, PERTH, on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 1965, at 6 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Minute of Twenty-Eighth Ordinary General Meeting.
2. Submission of Annual Report (including the Directors' Report) and Accounts for 1963-64.
3. Report on Negotiations with The Shorthorn Society of The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.
4. Election of Members to the Board of Directors: Result of New Nominations.
5. Election of President.
6. Election of Vice-President.
7. Auditor's remuneration.
8. Any other competent business.

Dated the 26th Day of January, 1965.

By Order of the Directors.

M. P. RAMSAY,
Secretary.

17 YORK PLACE,
PERTH.

Board of Directors

	Date of Retiral.	Attendances at Meetings: Possible. Actual.	
<i>North of Scotland</i>			
*D. P. MacGillivray, Calrossie Mains, Nigg, Ross-shire (President)	1965	4	4
G. M. Rankin, Craigeassie, by Forfar, Angus	1965	4	2
J. L. Sleigh, Tolquhon, Tarves, Aberdeenshire	1965	4	3
*W. Gordon Blackstock, M.B.E., Denend Pedigree Farm, Strichen, Aberdeenshire	1965	3	3
W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose, Angus	1966	4	4
H. N. Claeson Gordon, Cluny Castle, Sauchen, Aberdeenshire	1966	4	4
Andrew Adam, Newhouse of Glamis, Glamis, Angus	1967	4	3
Syl. Campbell, Jr., Cairntradlin, Kinellar, Aberdeenshire	1967	4	3
<i>South of Scotland</i>			
Ian C. Henderson, Woodhead, Gifford, East Lothian	1965	4	3
Capt. G. G. Rutherford, Baldowrie, Coupar Angus, Perthshire	1965	4	4
*Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst, Dungarthill, Dunkeld, Perthshire (Past President)	1965	4	3
Denis J. Cadzow, Duncrahill, Pencaitland, East Lothian	1966	4	2
P. H. Dickson, Craighead House, Blair Drummond, by Stirling	1966	4	2
Major P. H. Henderson, D.F.C., Lawton, Coupar Angus, Perthshire	1967	4	3
Wm. McGowan, Fingask, Dairsie, Cupar, Fife	1967	4	2
<i>England and Isle of Man</i>			
W. A. Alban, White Oaks Farm, Sarratt, Rickmans- worth, Herts.	1965	4	2
M. C. Bristow, Harrowsley Green Farm, Horley, Surrey	1965	4	2
*Lt.-Col. J. M. Wood, Heigholme Hall, Leven, nr. Hull, East Yorkshire	1965	4	3
Mrs. A. B. MacBrayne, Clapton Manor, Bourton-on-the- Water, Glos.	1967	4	3
<i>Wales</i>			
T. Ll. Jones, Ystrad Farm, Carmarthen, South Wales	1965	4	2
<i>N. Ireland</i>			
Wm. W. McKinney, Castle Deffrick, Ballymoney, Co. Antrim	1965	4	0
<i>Eire</i>			
J. F. Wright, Prumplestown House, Castledermot, Co. Kildare, Eire	1965	4	0

* Co-opted by Directors.

Minute

MINUTE of the TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of THE BEEF SHORTHORN CATTLE SOCIETY, held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1964, at 6.30 p.m.

The President, Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst, occupied the Chair, and the Secretary, Miss M. P. Ramsay, was in attendance.

The attendance of Members numbered approximately 60.

The Minute of the Twenty-Seventh Ordinary General Meeting, as published in the Annual Report, and circulated to all Members, was unanimously approved on the proposal of Dr. James Durno, C.B.E., seconded by Mr. J. N. Reid.

On the motion of Mr. Wm. Logan, seconded by Mr. M. C. Bristow, the Report for the Year to 31st December, 1963, and the Accounts for the Year to 30th September, 1963, were unanimously approved.

Negotiations with The Shorthorn Society

The President reported on the negotiations which had taken place to date with The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and proposed that the following Resolution, which had been submitted to the General Meeting by the Board of Directors, should be adopted, viz.:—"That this Society continues to negotiate with The Shorthorn Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in order to obtain complete independence."

The proposal was seconded by Dr. James Durno, C.B.E., and unanimously approved by the Meeting.

Election to Board of Directors

The President reported to the Meeting that, in accordance with the Society's Articles of Association, the Election of Members to the Board of Directors had been made by Postal Vote and as a result the following Members had been elected to the Board, viz.:—

North of Scotland (2 Vacancies).—Mr. Andrew Adam, Newhouse of Glamis, Glamis, Angus; Mr. Syl. Campbell, Jr., Cairntradlin, Kinellar, Aberdeenshire.

South of Scotland (2 Vacancies).—Major P. H. Henderson, D.F.C., Lawton, Coupar Angus, Perthshire; Mr. Wm. McGowan, Fingask, Dairsie, Cupar, Fife.

England and the Isle of Man (2 Vacancies).—Mrs. A. B. MacBrayne, Clapton Manor, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos.

The President reported that as Mrs. MacBrayne was the only nominee to represent this District, the Directors had unanimously agreed at their Meeting held earlier that afternoon to co-opt Lt.-Col. J. M. Wood, Heigholme Hall, Leven, near Hull, to represent this District for a period of one year in order to fill the other vacancy.

Election of President

The President proposed that the Vice-President, Mr. Donald P. MacGillivray, Calrossie Mains, Nigg, Ross-shire, should be elected President of the Society for the following year. The Meeting unanimously agreed.

Election of Vice-President

On the proposal of Mr. D. P. MacGillivray, Mr. W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose, was unanimously elected Vice-President.

Auditor's Remuneration

On the proposal of Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst, seconded by Mr. W. Gordon Blackstock, the Meeting unanimously agreed that the present Auditors, Messrs. Morris and Young, C.A., be re-appointed for the ensuing year, and the remuneration was fixed at 42 guineas.

Other Business

Minimum Opening Bid at Sales.—A discussion took place on a suggestion made by the Hon. Mrs. Dewhurst that a minimum opening bid be imposed at the Perth March Sale. Mr. W. F. Ferguson further suggested that a minimum opening bid be introduced at all Sales held under the Society's auspices.

The Meeting unanimously agreed that this matter be considered by the Directors at their next Meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. D. P. MacGillivray paid tribute to the excellent manner in which the retiring President, Lt.-Col. H. L. Dewhurst, had looked after the interests of the Society during his term of office and expressed the hope that he would be able to fulfil the various tasks in as competent a manner as his predecessor. Both Mr. MacGillivray and Mr. Anderson expressed their appreciation of the great honour which had been bestowed upon them in their appointment as President and Vice-President.

The Meeting closed with Dr. James Durno proposing a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman.

Directors' Report

The Directors of THE BEEF SHORTHORN CATTLE SOCIETY have pleasure in submitting their REPORT to the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Society, to be held in the STATION HOTEL, PERTH, on the SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1965, at 6 p.m.

The Report relates to the Year to 31st December, 1964, and the Statement of Accounts is for the period 1st October, 1963, to 31st December, 1964.

Revenue Account

While it is regretted that the Revenue Account shows a loss—the deficit amounting to £1,428 14s. 3d.—it should be borne in mind that the figures shown in the Accounts cover a fifteen months period, 1st October, 1963, to 31st December, 1964, compared with a deficit for the previous twelve months of £2,227 3s. 3d.

The Directors are most anxious that in future, if possible, the Society's Expenditure should not exceed Income, and accordingly several economies have been made, but unfortunately the full extent of these savings will not be seen until the end of the Financial Year at 31st December, 1965. One example is that the Society no longer employs Fieldsmen, but the Accounts are carrying a full year of Mr. Lawson's salary and expenses. The attention of Members is drawn to the undernoted paragraph in this Report which explains the position.

All demonstration animals have now been sold and the profit on realisation of £130 11s. 10d. has been credited to the Revenue Account.

Previously only the Beef Shorthorn Perpetual Trophy was valued in the Balance Sheet. All cups and trophies have now been included in the Balance Sheet at their insurance value, and as a result an addition of £2,851 0s. 4d. has been made to the Capital Reserve. Previously the Capital Reserve stood at £160 and in order to bring it up to the round figure of £3,100 a transfer of £88 19s. 8d. has been made from the Revenue Account.

The balance of £113 7s. 10d. at credit of the Duthie Cup Fund at 30th September, 1963, has been credited in the general Revenue Balance.

Society's Fieldsmen

Several important policy changes have been made by the Directors during 1964, one of the principal being the decision, on financial consideration, to heavily curtail the expenses involved in the employment of Mr. Thomas Lawson, the Society's Fieldsmen.

A small Livestock Agency has been formed by Mr. Lawson to deal primarily in Beef Shorthorn cattle and their crosses. In addition, the Agency has undertaken to demonstrate pens of Exhibition cattle on behalf of the Society at three major English Shows, similar to those which he had successfully organised in past years. For this purpose the Society has agreed to pay a fee to the Agency. The Directors have agreed that this new arrangement should operate for a trial period of one year.

Mr. Lawson has promised, through the Agency, to continue to promote the Breed as he has done so well in the past. His services will be available to Breeders in exactly the same way as formerly except that any transactions will

be treated on an ordinary business footing, commission being chargeable by the Agency on orders undertaken.

The Directors wish to record their great appreciation of Mr. Lawson's past services and to stress that this step has been taken for financial reasons alone. It is hoped that Mr. Lawson's association with the Society, on this new basis, will continue for many years.

Membership

It is pleasing to report that the Membership of the Society has been increased from 277 at 31st December, 1963, to 322 at 31st December, 1964. One of the main reasons for the increase is due to the fact that a great effort has been made to ensure that all Beef Shorthorn breeders are enrolled as Members of the Society. In addition, Membership of the Society has been opened up so as to allow Breeders from all parts of the world to share in the privileges of Membership and the opportunity is taken here to welcome those new Members to the ranks of the Society.

Principal Breed Sales

Despite the unavoidable restrictions in a number of the overseas markets it is indeed very satisfying to be able to record that increased averages were returned at each of the principal Breed Sales during 1964. For instance, at the Centenary Show and Sale at Perth, where the increased average amounted to £53, one of the main features of this Sale was the fact that 32 animals were purchased for export to New Zealand and Argentina.

Congratulations are accorded to Mr. W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose, Angus, who, by winning the Supreme Championship at the Centenary Show, with his Junior Champion, the white Morphie Victor, by Crichton Buzzard, won the only major Breed honour which had eluded his Herd since it was established in 1939. The Reserve Championship was won by one of the Breed's most ardent supporters, the Hon. Mrs. Dewhurst, North Ardbennie, Madderty, Perthshire, with Ardbennie Guest. Top price of the Sale was paid for the second year in succession for a bull from Messrs. R. M. Adam & Son's Glamis Herd. This was the Reserve Champion Two-Year-Old Bull, Glamis Crowning Glory, which was sold for 8,500 gns. to Mr. James Schofield for a client in Argentina.

The Female Championship at the Centenary Show was awarded to Balmullo Orange Blossom from the Herd of Messrs. H. W. Melville & Sons, Balmullo, Leuchars, Fife.

Top honours at the October Show and Sale at Perth went to animals from the Glamis and Coldoch Herds. The Female Champion, Glamis Rothes Jasmine won for Messrs. Adam their fifth championship at this event. The Male Championship was won by Coldoch Fire Power, bred and shown by Mr. P. H. Dickson, Craighead House, Blair Drummond, Stirling.

Summer Shows

The Breed turnout at the Summer Shows throughout the country was generally very good indeed, although in some instances the Classes were not as well filled as had been hoped. The Society owes a tremendous debt to those breeders who keep the Breed flag flying by providing entries at the various Shows and it is hoped that next year more breeders will follow their example.

Mr. W. Gordon Blackstock in particular is to be congratulated on the wonderful achievement of winning eight Supreme Championships, including the Royal Highland, Royal and Great Yorkshire Shows with his Champion Cow, Bapton Queen Janetta. Mr. Blackstock also created a record by showing the first Poll Shorthorn bull ever to win the Male Championship at the Royal Show.

Other consistent prize-winners at the 1964 National Shows were Dr. James Durno, C.B.E., Uppermill, Tarves, who provided the Reserve Supreme Champion at the Royal Highland and Royal Shows with his noted Broadhooks Beth, and the Tayside Extracting Co., Blairlogie, Stirling, whose white bull, Marden Best, was Reserve Supreme Champion at the Great Yorkshire, Male Champion at the Royal Highland and Reserve Male Champion at the Royal Shows.

Fat Stock Shows

Once again the Breed displays at the principal Fat Stock Shows were a great tribute to those breeders who each year provide animals for the various Classes at these events. For the third year in succession, the Breed Championship at both the Scottish National and Royal Smithfield Fat Stock Shows were won by Mr. W. L. Anderson, Morphie, Montrose, with Morphie Ventriloquist, a 19-months-old steer. This steer was also Champion Steer in the 15-21 months Class at the Royal Smithfield Show. The Breed Team at this Show, for the second year in succession, was placed Reserve in the Inter-Breed Competition.

The Breed Overseas

Overseas, where the Breed's popularity is firmly established in all the major beef-producing countries, it is both satisfactory and pleasing to note that, at most of the major Shows and Sales, animals either bred in this country, or their descendants, figure prominently in the top awards in the Show and Sale rings.

Argentina provided the highlight of the Breed news from overseas where, at the world-famous Palermo Imported Bull Sale, a new Argentine record price for a Beef Shorthorn—3,100,000 pesos—was paid for Westdrums Prefect. Bred by Messrs. Boots' Farms, Westdrums, Brechin, Prefect had stood first in the September/October Bull Class at the Perth February Show and Sale when he was purchased by the well-known exporter, Mr. E. Moubray Alexander.

Messrs. Boots are also to be congratulated on breeding the sires of both the Supreme and Reserve Champions at the world-famous Palermo Show.

The Breed's participation in the first-ever British Agricultural Exhibition, which was held in Moscow in May, will, it is hoped, result in further trade with the U.S.S.R. Mr. D. P. MacGillivray, the Society's President, and his co-Director, Mr. Ian C. Henderson, acted as the Breed's official representatives during the period of the Exhibition and they reported that the Russian experts, farm managers, and general public, who had attended the Exhibition in their thousands, displayed keen interest in the British livestock on view.

Animals from the Erimus, Uppermill and Westdrums Herds comprised the Beef Shorthorn team at the Exhibition and the Society is indebted to those Breeders and to all others who offered animals for the Exhibition.

Exports

Despite the fact that, for various reasons, certain overseas markets are restricted to the Breed, during the year a combined total of eight-two Beef and Poll Shorthorns were exported, as follows:—

Beef Shorthorns—Argentina 26; Canada 11; Cuba 7; New Zealand 11; Russia 4; South Africa 6; Uruguay 1; U.S.A. 6.

Poll Shorthorns—New Zealand 9; South Africa 1.

THE BEEF SHORTHORN

REVENUE

For period from 1st October

Year to 30/9/63	Expenditure	
	COST OF FIELDSMEN AND DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.—	
	Salaries, Commission and Expenses	£1,469 16 9
	Allowance to Agency 1/10/64 to 31/12/64	125 0 0
£2,278		1,594 16 9
694	Prize Scheme and Medals	960 0 6
1,521	Advertising and Propaganda, including Motor Expenses	717 19 9
110	Cost of Reprinting Directory of Members	0 0 0
	'THE BEEF SHORTHORN RECORD'—	
	(a) DECEMBER 1963 RECORD:	
	Cost of Publishing	£1,126 4 9
	Less: Advertising Rents	679 3 1
		447 1 8
	(b) NOVEMBER 1964 RECORD:	
	Cost of Publishing	£1,428 6 4
	Less: Advertising Rents	956 18 2
		471 8 2
405		918 9 10
635	Show Stand Expenses	663 19 11
20	Demonstrations including Moscow Exhibition	373 4 0
11	Judging Expenses	205 0 0
11	Herdsman's Supper Expenses, less Receipts	2 16 0
5,685	Total Direct Cost of Publicity	5,436 6 9
2,564	Expenses of Management	2,007 15 3
221	Pension Scheme Contribution for Ex-Secretaries	119 9 9
279	Rates, Fuel and Light	313 18 2
413	Postages and Telephone	622 7 7
266	Stationery and Duplicating	253 18 7
65	Insurances	85 19 10
44	Audit Fee	63 0 0
8	Donation to British Legion, Perth Branch	0 0 0
	Subscription to Allied Associations and Agricultural	
48	Publications	45 0 0
26	Donation to Livestock Export Group	2 2 0
14	Upkeep of Property	114 19 3
2	Upkeep of Furniture and Fittings	11 3 6
146	Miscellaneous Expenses	111 0 7
	DEPRECIATION:	
	Office Furniture and Fittings	41 8 1
	Motor Car	128 4 7
86		169 12 8
£9,867		£9,356 13 11
£2,227	Loss for period, brought down	£1,428 14 3
—	Transfer to Capital Reserve	88 19 8
1,835	Balance carried forward per Balance Sheet	430 4 0
£4,062		£1,947 17 11

CATTLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT

1963 to 31st December 1964.

Year to
30/9/63

Income							
£223	Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	£305 0 0
472	Commission on Sales	...	...	...	...	...	528 18 7
2,546	Levy on Sales—Contributed by Members	...	...	...	...	...	2,756 1 4
990	Export Levy on Private Sales	...	...	...	...	...	470 0 0
222	Interest on Investments, less tax	...	...	...	...	...	191 7 4
17	Deposit Receipt Interest	...	...	...	...	...	0 0 0
141	Income Tax Recoverable	...	...	...	...	...	117 8 2
8	Reserved Seats, Perth Sales 1964	...	...	...	...	...	0 0 0
2,668	Repayment from The Shorthorn Society, London	...	...	...	...	...	2,250 0 0
3	Society Dinner Receipts, less Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	19 10 9
350	Highland Cattle Society—Management and Sundry Expenses recovered	...	...	...	...	...	562 10 0
—	N.C.B.A. Donation from Research and Development Fund	...	...	...	...	...	300 0 0
—	Gain on Realisation of Investment	...	...	...	...	...	130 11 10
—	Profit on Sale of Animals	...	...	...	...	...	158 11 8
—	Profit on Sale of Motor Car	...	...	...	...	...	138 0 0
7,640							7,927 19 8
2,227	Balance being Loss for period, carried down	...	...	...	...	...	1,428 14 3

£9,867

£9,356 13 11

£4,062 Balance brought forward

£1,834 10 1

DUTHIE CUP FUND: Balance at 30th September 1963 ...

113 7 10

£4,062

£1,947 17 11

As at 31st

£14,938 12 6

CATTLE SOCIETY SHEET

December 1964.

As at
30/9/63

FIXED ASSETS

1. HERITABLE PROPERTY, 17 YORK PLACE, PERTH

At Cost, as at 30th September 1963	£4,957	5	8
Less: Aggregate Depreciation to date	2,707	5	8

£2,250					2,250	0	0
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2. OFFICE FURNITURE AND FITTINGS

813	At cost, as at 30th September 1963	£985	9	5
41	Sold during period	...	...	...	0	0	0

772					985	9	5
213	Purchased during period	...	...	...	38	8	1

985					1,023	17	6
642	Less: Aggregate Depreciation to date	...	...	...	683	17	6

343						340	0	0
—	3. CUPS AND TROPHIES, as valued for Insurance	...				2,931	10	0

4. MOTOR CAR

842	At cost, as at 30th September 1963	...	...	...	842	7	0
	Less: Sold during period	...	...	...	842	7	0

Realised £250 0 0

Book Value 112 0 0

Profit on Sale transferred to Revenue Account £138 0 0

730	Purchased during period	568	4	7
	Less: Depreciation	128	4	7

112						440	0	0
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5. BEEF SHORTHORN PERPETUAL TROPHY

80	At cost, as at 30th September 1963	80	9	8
	Transferred to Capital Reserve	80	9	8

0 0 0

2,785						5,961	10	0
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CURRENT ASSETS

1. DEBTORS

80	(a) Members' Subscriptions—Arrears	135	0	0
341	(b) Highland Cattle Society	375	3	1
1,428	(c) Sundries	...	...	...	954	7	8

1,849					1,464	10	9
225	2. VALUATION OF FOUR CROSS BRED ANIMALS	...	...	...	0	0	0

3. INVESTMENTS, at cost

£4,000 3% Savings Bonds 1955/65 ... £3,662 1 0

Less: Realised during period

£2,000 3% Savings Bonds

1955/65 £1,831 0 6 1,831 0 6

Proceeds of Sale ... 1,961 12 4

Gain on sale transferred to Revenue Account £130 11 10

1,831 0 6

£2,000 3% Savings Bonds 1960/70 ... 1,947 18 0

£500 3% Savings Bonds 1965/75 ... 500 0 0

£3,054 13 9 5½% Exchequer Stock

1966 3,160 0 0

£70 3½% War Stock, at cost ... 70 0 0

9,340	(Market Value at 31/12/64 £7,062)				7,508	18	6
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4. CASH BALANCE

10	Cash on Hand	3	13	3
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11,424						8,977	2	6
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£14,209						£14,938	12	6
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